

WORKSHOP MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2022
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Nohilly. Sunshine Statement was read by Municipal Clerk/Administrator Reibrich. "The notice of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act has been satisfied by forwarding notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of the notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk's office."

Present: Mayor Nohilly, Council President Butler, Franks, DeSarno

Absent: Councilwoman Delia and Horowitz

Also Present: Municipal Clerk/Administrator Lori Reibrich, Borough Attorney Representative Drew Stauffer, Esq.

1. **BID RECEIPT AND PROJECT SCOPE FOR BRIDLEMERE PARK IMPROVEMENTS** –
Discussion regarding the bid receipts and project scope for the Open Space Grant project

Borough Administrator Reibrich explained that the bid receipts for the Bridlemere Park Improvements came in \$34,000 over the funding available for the grant project. Being the Council has indicated that they do not want to fund anything additional for the project, it is the recommendation that all bids be rejected, and the new bid package be readvertised and received.

The Council discussed items to cut from the project in hopes of receiving more favorable bids. A brief discussion was had deciding between removing one of the gazebos or reducing the walking path.

Council presented their opinions and decided to move forward with the bid process removing one of the gazebos and if necessary, reducing the walking path in the field during construction.

BA Reibrich stated she would begin the process of re-bidding the project and would be in touch with Matt Mariano, of Avakian, Inc.

2. **COUNTY CIRCLE AND CENTENNIAL CLOCK** – *Discussion regarding the purchase of a Centennial Clock and its location at the County Circle*

BA Reibrich reported that the County provided a draft agreement and resolution allowing the Borough to place a Centennial Clock on the County Circle. She explained the responsibilities of the Borough and the County responsibilities as laid out in the agreement.

She also noted that there is both electric and water installed at the circle. If the Council so chooses, she will work to see if they are open to a landscaping agreement as well.

Councilman Franks stated that he is opposed to the purchase of the clock due to the cost. He also believes that it will be a magnet for vandalism. He feels that if the Council decides to move forward with the clock purchase the area should be landscaped with flowers and shrubbery.

There were questions from the group regarding insurance coverage of the clock. BA Reibrich explained it would be included in the insurance policy for coverage as Borough property.

Council President Butler said that he feels the clock is a great way to nod to the Centennial. It could act as a beacon to the location of Interlaken by marking the entrance to the town.

A brief discussion was had regarding a possible landscaping agreement. The Governing Body agreed to pursue information from the County regarding the landscaping agreement as being an option. Plants and shrub species were discussed.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:** No new business at this time.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

John Finn, 418 Bridlemere Avenue, questioned the snow removal ordinance that is up for adoption at the next meeting. Mayor Nohilly explained the ordinance and the catalyst for its creation as a mechanism to hold people accountable if snow removal or snow casting becomes an unsafe condition. Mr. Finn explained that he and his neighbor live on the corners of streets with a large frontage of sidewalk and this new ordinance may be cumbersome to follow because of the massive amount of sidewalk they have.

Mayor Nohilly appreciated the comments and stated that most snows do not cause a lot of safety concerns as it tends to disappear rather quickly but in cases such as blizzards like the town saw last month, there were a lot of safety concerns. Many sidewalks were impassable and with people snow casting into the street it made both locations for people walking unsafe. The ordinance as introduced models an ordinance that most municipalities have in place as a way to effectively manage safety hazards during snow storms.

Mr. Finn thanked the Governing Body for listening to his comments.

Before adjournment, Councilman Franks questioned where the discussion regarding the short-term rentals ended up? He questioned this because the Planning Board was looking at this and other land use items but hasn't heard anything in a long time. He feels it is something that needs to be explored.

Mayor Nohilly shared that the final land use continuity packet was received last week from the Planning Board. BA Reibrich did not distribute yet because the budget adoption at this meeting took precedent. The land use continuity review is the next big item the Council will be discussing.

Mayor Nohilly explained to the Council that the Planning Board did not include an opinion on the short-term rentals because there is case law in place that does not allow municipalities to regulate time frames regarding short term rentals.

Borough Attorney Representative Stauffer explained case law that states that limiting the duration of short-term rentals, such as to 12-month time-period to avoid summer rentals or winter rentals, is not allowed. The judge stated that this type of law is too restrictive for property owners. Municipalities are allowed to have control of many things relating to short term rental, such as the paperwork required and the need for Certificate of Occupancies before each new tenant.

Mayor Nohilly stated that beach towns such as Bradley Beach and Belmar have strict rules for summer rentals but their issues are more of a transient nature. Beach municipalities are concerned about the

weekly turn over of houses for the summer and have ordinance regulations in place that has a lot of requirements to try and control some of the issues. Interlaken’s summer rentals are usually for the entire summer and residents who rent their homes do so because of the non-transient nature of the renters.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further comments, Council President Butler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman DeSarno and unanimously carried.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Vacancy
Motion to Approve		X					
Motion to Second						X	
Approved		X			X	X	
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused							

Lori Reibrich, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk